

State Transportation Plan Update

Iowa Transportation Commission

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Discussion

- Summary of public input
 - Public survey #1, February 2016
 - Public survey #2, August/September 2016
 - 45-day public comment period, February 22-April 7, 2017
 - Public meeting, March 21, 2017
- Presentation of draft plan

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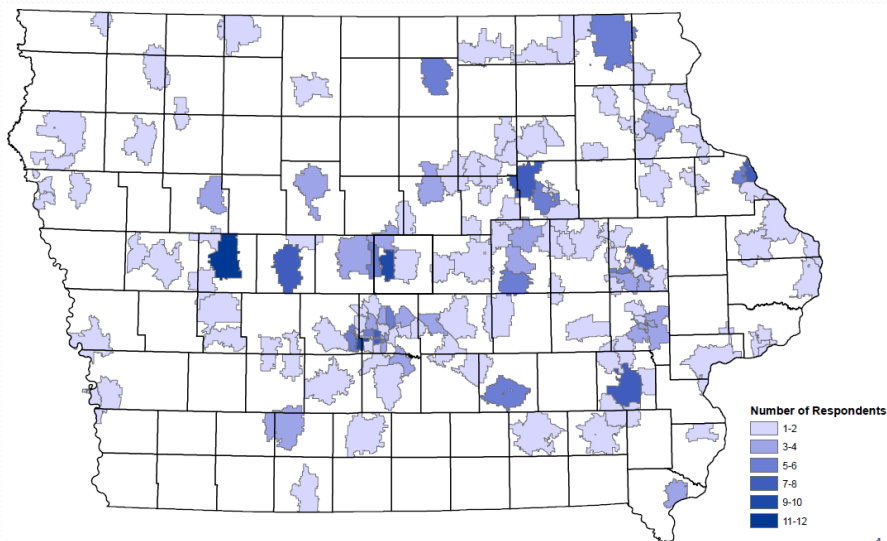
Public input survey #1

- Focused on investment areas and broad strategies
- Was available throughout February 2016
- Advertised through press releases, social media
- 520 responses
- Good geographic coverage



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Public input survey responses by ZIP



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Survey #1 takeaways

- The dominant theme among responses is interest in maintaining an **appropriately-sized system** that meets the **needs of all users** and **grows when and where it is necessary**
- It is preferred that the Iowa DOT focus on ways to **maintain the current system** and ensure that **expansion is only done when there is significant need**
- There is interest in **increasing the efficiency of the department** and **increasing communication between the Iowa DOT and the public and stakeholder groups**
- There is interest in the Iowa DOT ensuring that the **appropriate materials are used** and the **right repairs are done the first time** for projects to reduce costs associated with future improvements and **ensure the system lasts longer**
- Support was expressed for **alternative modes of transportation** as a way to **reduce the need to increase capacity** and **ensure everyone has the ability to travel** within the state

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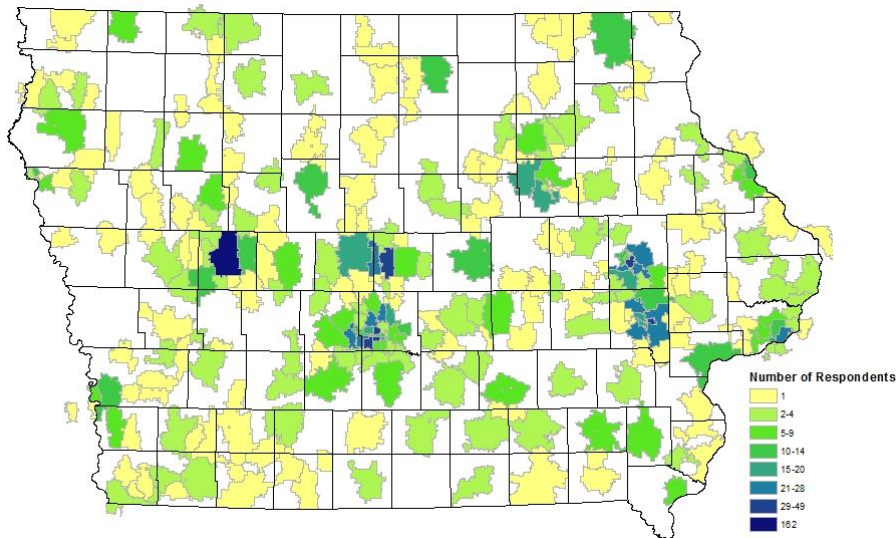
Public input survey #2

- Focused on highway system needs
- Was available August 9 – September 30, 2016
- Advertised through press releases, social media, State Fair
- 1,646 responses
- Good geographic coverage



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Survey #2 takeaways

- Overall, public input closely aligned with initial needs analysis and supported further development of related strategies
- Examples: Highway action plan feedback
 - **Capacity needs:** Majority favor operational improvements or added lane capacity on targeted corridors (urban areas, 3 key interstate corridors). Only 12.7% favor added lane capacity elsewhere.
 - **Mobility & Safety needs:** Majority favor Super-2-like enhancements on targeted corridors.
 - **Freight needs:** Majority favor targeted investments to address freight bottlenecks.

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Public comment period/public meeting

- Publicized via 3 media releases, dozens of social media blasts, direct stakeholder notifications
- 2,400 unique webpage visits
- 16 written comments received
- 14 attendees at March 21st public meeting
- Comment period takeaways:
 - Most comments focused on higher-level needs already addressed in the plan (e.g., passenger/commuter rail)
 - Few actionable comments received
 - Online participation still the preferred input method
- **Overall, public input throughout plan development strongly supported the ultimate direction of the plan**

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Presentation of draft plan

- Chapter 1: Looking ahead to 2045
 - What the Plan is, what it includes, how it was developed, and how it is used
- Chapter 2: Understanding Iowa
 - How Iowa will be different in 2045, and how the transportation system will be affected
- Chapter 3: Planning considerations
 - Various key issues to consider as we plan the future transportation system
- Chapter 4: System overview
 - Mode-by-mode summary of Iowa's current transportation system

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Presentation of draft plan

- Chapter 5: Choosing our path
 - Vision for the transportation system, associated Investment Areas, and supporting Strategies and Improvement Needs for each mode
- Chapter 6: Paying our way
 - Cost to maintain/improve the system, anticipated future revenues, and potential shortfall and implications
- Chapter 7: Making it happen
 - Financing, programming, and performance monitoring

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Next steps

- Final editing
- Present final plan for action at May 9th Transportation Commission business meeting

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